



# County of San Diego

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*"As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system."*

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes

### Thursday, January 25, 2007

#### Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association  
Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross  
Cerny, Barbara – Third District  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators  
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies Comm.  
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District  
Green, R.N., Katy – First District  
Jobes, Chief Darrell – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District  
Pfohl, Chief Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association  
Sarro, Lt. Sherri – Law Enforcement Agencies

#### County Staff Present

Bonesteele, R.N., Jeri  
Haynes, M.D., Bruce  
Metz, R.N., Marcy  
Ray, Leslie

#### Recorder

Rupp, Merle

#### Members Absent

Fisher, Roger – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association  
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association  
Schroeder, David – Fourth District  
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hosp. Assoc. S.D./Imperial Co.

#### Guests Present

Anglim, Tom – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise  
Gay, Dana – Pacific Ambulance  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar  
Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise  
Rainey, R.N., Susan – Tri-City  
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air

#### Vacant

Binational EMCC  
Emergency Physicians' Society  
League of California Cities  
Military Agencies  
S.D. Co. Medical Society

## I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Darrell Jobes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Chair Jobes acknowledged that Dan Graham, San Diego County Ambulance Association had been re-appointed to his position on the EMCC.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Melody Dotson, R.N., to approve the Minutes of November 16, 2006 as submitted. MOTION carried.**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

None.

**IV. EMCC PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Kelly Forman, R.N., to approve the following policies brought forward from the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee: P-303, S-001, S-002, S-005 and S-011. MOTION carried. (One abstention: Lt. Sarro)**

**V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)**

The new STEMI Receiving system went into effect on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. Approximately one patient a day is being identified correctly and being taken to a cath lab in a timely fashion. Dr. Haynes will meet with the Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators regarding the data entry.

Off-load delays in the South County are being reviewed.

Dr. Haynes and Carmel Angelo met with the new owners of Alvarado Hospital and were impressed with their commitment to do a good job.

A hearing is scheduled this date at 1:00 p.m. in National City with the State Attorney General's Office regarding the proposed sale of Paradise Valley Hospital.

Recently Dr. Haynes sent out a note regarding Norovirus with information about exposures, clinical symptoms, personal protective equipment and decontamination. This appears to be the cause for gastroenteritis outbreaks around the country. It is imperative that providers communicate promptly with field personnel regarding infectious disease exposures and provide adequate follow-up.

The new protocols went to the Base Station Physicians' Committee for review this month and some will go back with recommended changes at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Hypertonic Saline Study of the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (ROC) continues to move along. UC San Diego does not have data sharing agreements with all the hospitals which has delayed the start-up date. Also, the medication has to be sent away for and then stocked in all the transporting units.

The other ROC Study is the Cardiac Arrest which was scheduled to begin in February, 2007, but the community consultation presentations for public input need to be conducted first, so anticipated start-up date is more likely April, or May, 2007.

County Service Area 17 (CSA-17) emergency transporting services recently went out for bid. Currently San Diego Medical Services Enterprise provides service in that region.

At the last Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) meeting chaired by Roneet Lev, M.D., an overview was given by the psychiatric community which was well attended by numerous people from diverse groups. The use of 5150's was discussed as well as the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT), which pairs law enforcement representatives with mental health clinicians on the street.

#### **VI. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)**

Nancy Bowen, M.D., County Public Health Officer, had announced her resignation last fall with an anticipated departure date of May, 2007; however, her last day with San Diego County will be February 8, 2007. A farewell reception event will be held in her honor at the County's Rosecrans Street Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room on Friday, February 2, 2007, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., with a formal program beginning at 4:00 p.m. In the interim, Wilma Wooten, M.D., County Public Health Deputy Health Officer, will be assuming the role of Interim Public Health Officer until a replacement is named.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit grants to secure funding to develop education and training in terrorism-related mass casualty events for emergency medical personnel was discussed. A Letter of Support was requested from the Emergency Medical Care Committee to be included in the grant application from County EMS. The letter was read to the attending members. **ACTION: All EMCC members present were in support of the letter to be included with the grant application.**

#### **VII. EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH (Chief Darrell Jobes)**

With discussions of regionalization of fire services, it is well known that EMS is a key component of what fire services provide and how the impact is going to be on the operating scenes for ALS transporting providers. The majority of dispatch centers do have a broad County emergency medical dispatch program. The issue is that most dispatch centers do provide instructions to the caller, but not all of them. The question raised is "is it appropriate to begin looking at future RFP's to include a requirement for Emergency Medical Dispatch?"

**ACTION: Dr. Haynes suggested that County staff could do some research on who all has the dispatch and what kind, and try to clarify some of the issues. County EMS staff will bring the information back at an upcoming meeting.**

The Emergency Medical Care Committee, Disaster/Operations Subcommittee will be meeting on January 31, 2007 to discuss “Multi-Casualty Incident Patient Distribution Upon Activation of Annex D.”

**VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,  
County EMS



